

DX LISTENING DIGEST 00-85, July 2, 2000
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** BELGIUM [non]. RVI via RNW Madagascar started on 13645 in A-00 period. This freq was much too high for the S African winter. But at RNW MDG site only high freq antennas were available. The longest mb to match the available antenna was on 25 m like 11985 kHz. So RVI changed from 13645 to 11985 previously. But since last week the outgoing RVI signal suffered more and more in SAf target in southern mid-winter. Now colleagues at the RNW MDG relay site built up a new antenna for lower frequencies. RVI will replace 11985 by well propagating 7195 channel in remaining southern winter period. At 1800-1900 parallel to 7195, 5910 and 9925 to EUR, 13710 to SoEUR & ME, 15365 and 17590 to CeAF. (Paul Brems-BEL RVI Golfids, Jun 29, via WWDXC Top News July 1 via DXLD)

RVI realised already for some time that 11 MHz was too high for the S. African winter. The point was, that there was no antenna available at Madagascar for frequencies lower than 11 MHz. In the mean time, the construction of a new antenna for lower frequencies has been finalised. RVI was lucky that this antenna was free at times they wanted to use it. So they decided to move. (Source : RVI Golfids - Paul Brems) (Guido Schotsmans, Belgium, July 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. Today I met Swedish veteran DXer Rolf Fredriksson who started DXing in 1942. He has a tape of R Yura (4716.8) as received May 8 at his QTH just next to the Arctic Circle. The signal level is quite good so one can easily transcribe most of what the DJ says. There are references to "Radio Yura", "la radio Yura" and an announcer saying "Seguimos con la buena m'sica, m'sica que caracteriza Radio Yura, La Voz del Ayllu". Three QSLs from this station have been reported, one each from Sweden, Finland and Japan. Not one of the recipients has disclosed the v/s e-mail address so far. Why such hush-hush? (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, July 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4716.76, Radio Yura, was noted at 1030-1115 fair to poor on 01/JUL/2000. Program for rural audience in Quechua, with rustic CP folklore. ID was given at 1102 as "Transmite Radio Yura en la banda internacional de los 60 metros onda corta llegando nítidamente a todo [sic] Bolivia y el mundo." (Takayuki Inoue N., Tokyo, Japan, Relmpago DX Logging via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Glenn, Very interesting information about Radio Educadora de Limeira 2380 kHz; this city is near Iracemapolis, 10 km, and at

night I can listen to this one on 2380 kHz, but during daylight is impossible. (Dinan Rogerio, Iracemapolis, Brazil, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So off air in daytime? But we are trying to find out the UT sign on/off times (gh)

** CANADA. CHNX, 6130: Scott Snailham, until recently at CHNS-960/CHNX-6130 writes: It is unfortunate to report that at the time I left CHNS, in early May, the SW was off the air due to problems with the transmitter. At that time, I spoke to Mark Olsen, CE, and he said that he was waiting on getting hold of a manual to attempt to solve the problem, and I just called a communication friend of mine in Halifax, who did confirm that CHNX is currently off the air as there was no signal on 6130. I cannot say if it will ever be back on, as when I was answering QSL's it was on shaky grounds financially, and dare I say it, this chain is known for keeping costs tight. CHNX power, 50 watts or 500 watts? This is hard to say, at the time I was answering QSL's, it was between 40-70 watts. This was based on the exciter output power, as the power amplifier has been needing repair for quite a while, but they are licensed for 500 watts. It's safe to say that I don't think they have been up to full power for years, due to the state of the tx. CHNX transmission hours: It was 24 hrs / 7 days a week. (Edited by Olle Alm-SWE, Jun 21, WWDXC Top News July 1 via DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. New Falungong clandestine: did not check July 1, but on July 2 at 1400-1430+ on 9915 nothing was audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. CLANDESTINE from ? to CHINA 9915 World Falun Dafa Radio. BBC has an article about their first broadcast. It's at http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/monitoring/media_reports/newsid_814000/814848.stm

Is anyone hearing this one? Checked at 1358 both days and found a Chinese service already on the channel, even though the ILG lists this as a clear frequency at this time. Suspect Beijing, but haven't found any parallel frequencies yet. Just after 5+1 time pips from the Chinese service at 1400 on Jul 1, a noise jammer kicked in, AM/LSB/USB. On Jul 2, there was also jamming starting at 1400, but it was distorted Chinese, similar to what I hear jamming the various shortwave services from Taiwan. (Hans Johnson, WY, July 1, 2, Cumbre DX via DXLD) From BBC Media Report:

Saturday, 1 July, 2000, 21:11 GMT 22:11 UK
Banned sect broadcasts to China

Followers say Falun Gong eases the path to spiritual enlightenment
The banned Falun Gong spiritual movement has begun daily radio broadcasts aimed at mainland China to counter Beijing's year-long

crackdown on the sect.

The first broadcast delved into the history of the movement, the story of its founding by Li Hongzhi and its introduction to the public in 1992.

A list of some of its alleged benefits followed, said to include cures for illness and help along the path to spiritual enlightenment. It went on to detail the recent history of the organization within China, discussing the anti-cult law passed by the authorities last year and the incident when hundreds of members were detained following a sit-in outside the government's headquarters compound in Beijing.

Hong Kong reports followed, recounting the detention of members on the mainland.

'Explaining Facts'

Falun Gong says that its radio station, called World Falun Dafa Radio, aims "to broadcast information about the movement and clarify facts about the Falun Gong issue to people in the Chinese mainland". Falun Dafa, which means the Great Law of the Dharma Wheel, is another name for the Falun Gong movement, which combines meditation with a doctrine rooted loosely in Buddhist and Daoist teachings. Falun Dafa Radio's producers and editors operate from the United States.

Staff members there say the Chinese-language broadcasts are being directed at northern and central China and are aimed at letting ordinary people there know about what the movement calls the widespread persecution of its members.

Tuning in

World Falun Dafa Radio's web site has for some time carried news reports and audio in Chinese. The station intends to broadcast every day for an hour (1400-1500 GMT) - late evening Beijing time - on shortwave frequency 9915 kilohertz. ... (BBC via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 4955, June 26, Radiodifusora Nacional de Colombia, 2230-444, end of Club de Oyentes, espacio de los radioaficionados del mundo (or radio enthusiast from all over the world), check every Monday around 22.00 hours UT. (Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Too bad it isn't later after sunset (gh)

** COLOMBIA CLANDESTINE. 6261v, June 26, Voz de la Resistencia - Bloque Oriental, 1140-1144, 444, Back here!, with Hechos y Opiniones. Also at 2130 on the same frequency opening with usual Compañeros de

la FARC, but noted with poor reception today. (Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [non]. I have seen two reports suggesting that La Voz de los Caras is active on 4796.4; one of the reporters is in South America, and the other one in Europe.

I know that I am sticking my neck out by contradicting these two reports and saying that they have probably been hearing Bolivian Radio Mallku. One recent report says programme' consisted of "huaynos, salsa, 'Rondor' [Rondador?] music" This is inconsistent with the La Voz de los Caras format. Indeed, in Ecuador you will not hear any local stations play huaynos (from Peru, which is "enemy territory", huh!), and the rondador flute is generally confined to the Sierra. LV de los Caras did play salsa as well as ballads (in Spanish), but the last time I ever heard them on the air was in June 1996, on 4795.3. Cf. info at <http://www.algonet.se/~ahk/Dline96.htm> (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. On 26th June AIR has introduced a new 250 kw SW tx from Delhi. The sked is:

11620 2045-2230 GOS-V - Aus/ NZ [NEW]
11985 0000-0045 Tamil - S.Asia [NEW]
11985 0045-0115 Sinhala - S.Asia {NEW]
15020 1300-1500 Sinhala - S.Asia
15075 1115-1215 Tamil - S.Asia
17715 0315-0415 Hindi - E.Africa [ex-17710]
17715 0415-0430 Gujarati - E.Africa [ex-17710]
17715 0430-0530 Hindi - E.Africa [ex-17710]
17670 1515-1615 Swahili - E.Africa [NEW]
17670 1615-1730 Hindi - E.Africa [NEW]
17670 1745-1945 GOS-IV - E.Africa [NEW]

Other changes from the same day :

11585 1615-1730 Persian [DELETE]
11620 1615-1715 Russian - Europe [NEW]
13630 1115-1200 Thai - S.E.Asia [NEW]
15075 1745-1945 GOS-IV - E.Africa [DELETE]
15185 0315-0415 Hindi - E.Africa [ex-15180]
15185 0415-0430 Gujarati - E.Africa [NEW]
15185 0430-0530 Hindi - E.Africa [NEW]
17740 1115-1200 Thai - S.E.Asia [ex-17895]
17845 0400-0430 Persian - W.Asia [NEW]
17845 0430-0530 Arabic - W.Asia [NEW]

(Alok Dasgupta, India, Jun 27, WWDXC Top News July 1 via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. Reshut Hashidur - the Israel Broadcasting Authority just updated its website. Unfortunately, at this point, it's mostly in

Hebrew. <http://www.iba.org.il> It now adds a live feed of the Arabic Arutz Dalet (4th network). It has had a live feed of Reshet Bet (the second network news/talk) for a while now. It has "Coming Soon" spaces for Reshet Gimel (the Third network - which plays Hebrew only pop music (it went to Hebrew only when the licenses were given for the regional radio stations). It also has a coming soon for a live feed of Israel TV's Channel One (Channel one is run by the IBA all the time (unlike Arutz 2s multiple ownership)- so I would assume that it would be available every day). It has a link for Mabat (Channel One's daily evening TV news) which will start 'on demand narrowcasting' on this Sunday (later today- at 9 PM Israel Time UTC +0200) BTW, the "On Demand" section tells you what program is currently playing on Reshet Bet. News from israelradio.org website (Which now has links to parts of the updated IBA website too.

FYI- Israel's Foreign Ministry official website has a link to israelradio.org....) <http://israelradio.org/dat.htm> "From mid July there will be a new radio station called Kol Israel Reshet Dat - which translates as Religious Network. A section of the Israeli public has demonstrated a desire for a radio station whose programming reflects the values of orthodox Judaism and the IBA is responding to this. The station will be heard on 104.7 FM and initially will be available in the Central region of the country. Involved in the management of the new station is veteran Kol Israel staffer Shabtai Bibi." (Doni Rosenzweig, MA, July 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. CLANDESTINE station Voice of Iraqi People in Kurdish and Arabic observed here: 03.00-07.00 and 15.00-19.00 on NF 5850 (irr), ex 9495 and on NF 7135, ex 7095. Co-channel on NF 7135 03.00-06.00 RFI in French and RAI International in German 18.05-18.25. //4085 (Observer, Bulgaria, July 2 via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. The Philippine Broadcasting Service, Quezon City, uses 9580 from *0000-0600*. This outlet has the nominal callsign DUR2, with 50 kW, and for some inexplicable reason remains unlisted in the so-called authoritative annual references! It carries the MF programming from 918 kHz (DZRB) and announces as "PBS Manila". Programming a mixture of Tagalog and English, and noted with excellent signals on Jun-08 on the beach at Manukan Island (near Kota Kinabalu). (Bob Padula, Malaysia, June, Electronic DX Press via DXLD)

Bob is now publishing extensive reports on monitoring and other aspects of his June trip to Vietnam and Malaysia; I assume will be available via the EDXP website for those interested, <http://members.tripod.com/~bpadula/edxp.html>

** TUNISIA. New updated schedule of Radio Tunis in Arabic:

04.00-07.00 on 7110, 7275
12.00-14.00 on 17735 ONLY
14.00-17.00 on 11655, 11730
17.00-19.00 on 7225, 11655
19.00-23.00 on 7110, 7225

DELETED:

02.00-07.00 and 17.00-21.00 15450 12.00-17.00 [sic]
(Observer, Bulgaria, July 2 via DXLD)

** U S A. Despite all the advance publicity, WHRI failed to broadcast the AWR Wavescan special from Toronto, Sunday July 2 at 1200 on 6040. I suppose it will be on the website <http://www.awr.org> where WS #287 for July 2 is already available. Were the specials supposed to be outside this sequence, or really the identical program? Another special would supposedly air one week later (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. ``Common Ground`` is running a series about international broadcasting, one of two topics on each half-hour show. This week was about VOA, mostly Willis Conover; next week, clandestine radio. I just heard it on KQED July 1 Sat 1115-1130 UT. Also ondemand: <http://www.commongroundradio.org> Regards, (Glenn Hauser, swprograms via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. Re: VOV on new 13720 in Fr at 2100; in En at 2030 also on new 13750 mixing Cuba, fundamental 13740. (Chris Hambly, Vic, Jun 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Oooohhh beware, same occurrence happened last autumn, VTN signal spread all over the 22 mb place, set a marker on every 10 kHz like a garden fence. FUNDAMENTAL is 13740, and some spurious signals on both sides 80 to 100 kHz away. ed. (Wolfgang B, schel, WWDXC Top News July 1 via DXLD) And we had a report recently of spurs at 10 kHz multiples also on the 9 MHz band (gh) ###